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# Learning Different Shapes

—A Guide for Parents



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Children can learn to tell one shape from another. They can learn to match shapes. This will help them when they go to school.

You can teach your child these things when you play with him.

## games for children over 2 years old

**FLANNEL BOARD GAME** Take a piece of heavy cardboard about 12" x 18". You can use the side of a box.

Punch holes about an inch apart around the card. Make them  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch from the edge. Use a nail or something sharp.

Put a piece of flannel over it. The flannel should be bigger than the cardboard so it will turn over the edges.

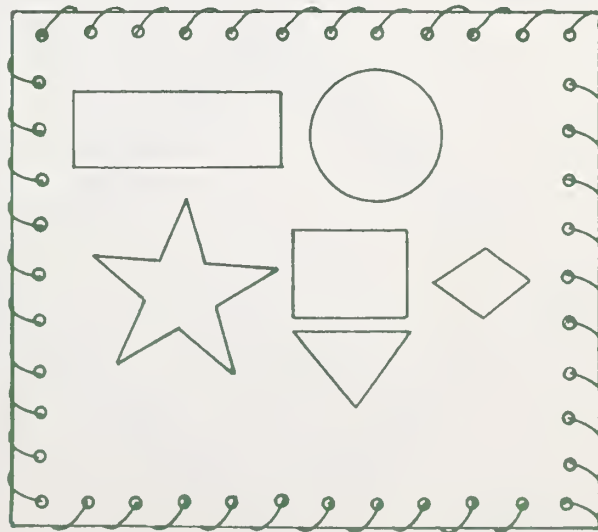
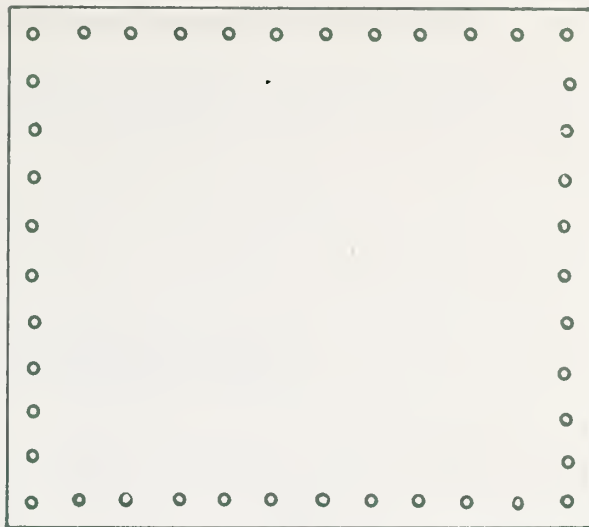
Sew the flannel to the cardboard with yarn or string. Sew through the holes you punched.

Use the patterns on page 4. Cut shapes out of flannel, corduroy, or any material that will stick to flannel. Show your child how to stick one piece of each shape on the flannel board.

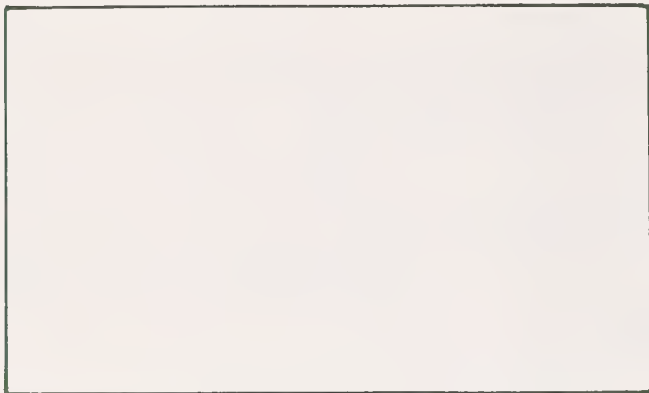
Toddlers and older children will enjoy this. Talk with the children about how the pieces feel.

Call each shape by name and color. Ask a child to put the blue star on the board. When he does this, say "that's fine" or "you did a good job." Smile at him to show you are pleased. Have children find another piece the same shape. Have them put it on top of the piece already on the flannel board. Most children over 3 can do this. This game helps children see which shapes are alike. They learn about color and how things feel.

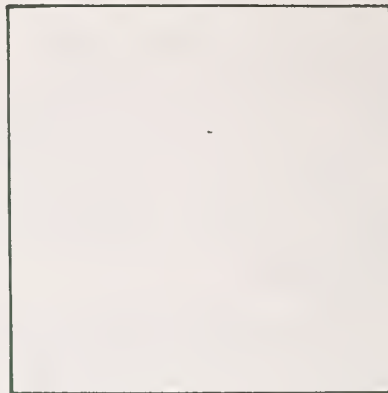
When the children are through playing, stand the flannel board against the wall with the pieces on it. It makes a colorful picture to look at. Put it where the baby can see it. They can add other things to the picture, like cotton, string, yarn, or ribbon.



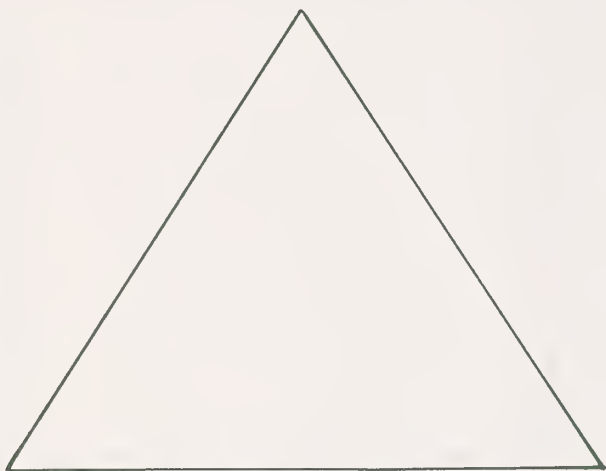
CUT 2 PIECES OF EACH SHAPE OUT OF THE SAME MATERIAL.



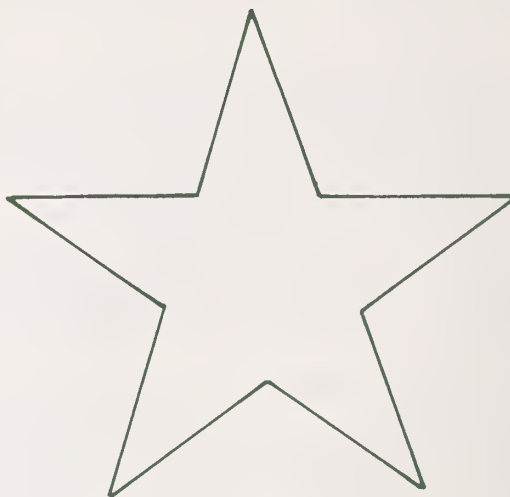
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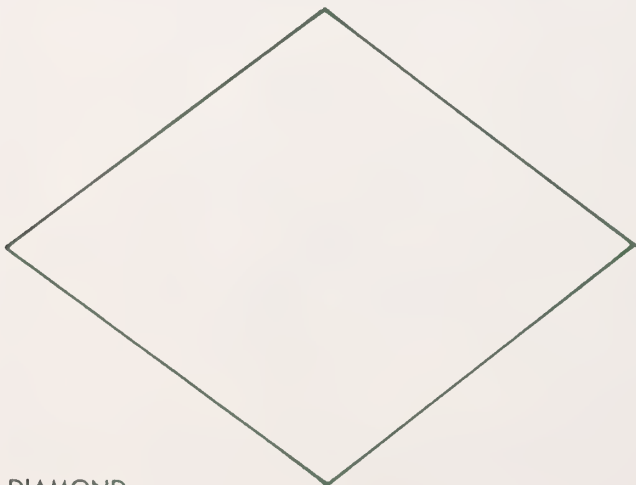
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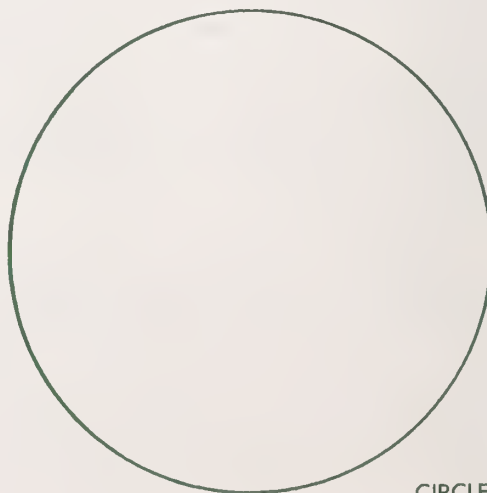
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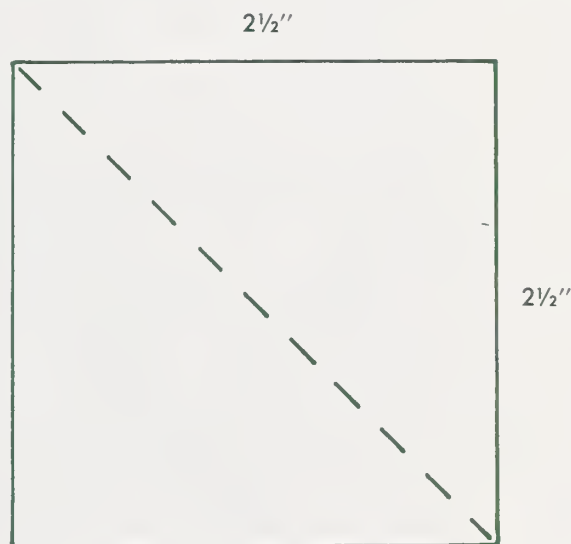
DIAMOND



CIRCLE

**TRIANGLE GAME** Make triangle shapes in different colors. These help children learn to match pieces of the same color and shape. They can use these pieces to build designs.

**CUT SQUARES  $2\frac{1}{2}''$  x  $2\frac{1}{2}''$  OUT OF HEAVY COLORED PAPER**



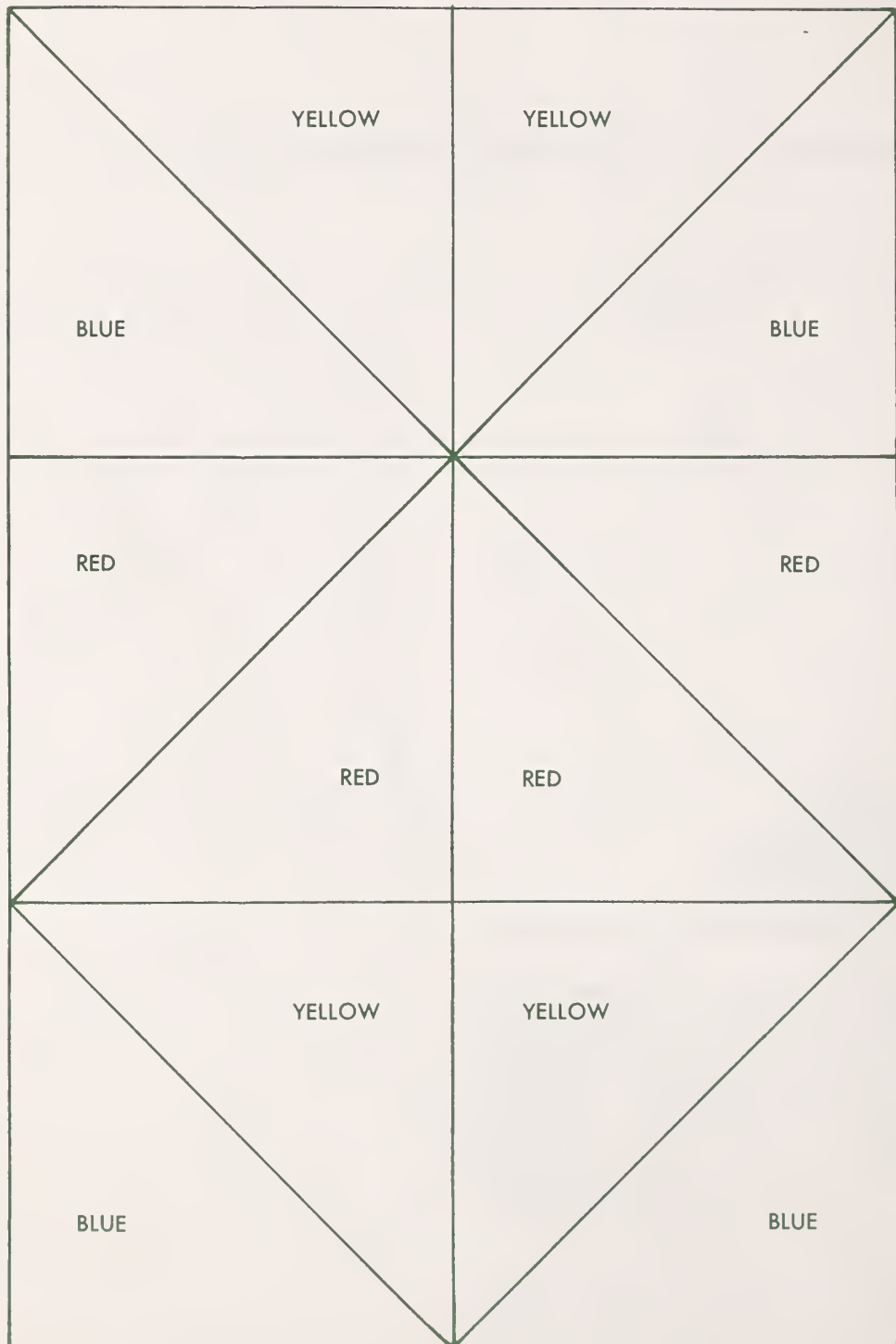
Cut 4 red squares  
4 yellow squares  
4 blue squares

Cut each square across to make a triangle.

Color the triangles on the next page with crayons. Do not cut them out. Use a color the same as the triangles you cut out of heavy paper. Show the children how to put the cut-out triangle on the one on the paper the same color. Talk about different colors. Be sure to let the children know you are pleased when they try.

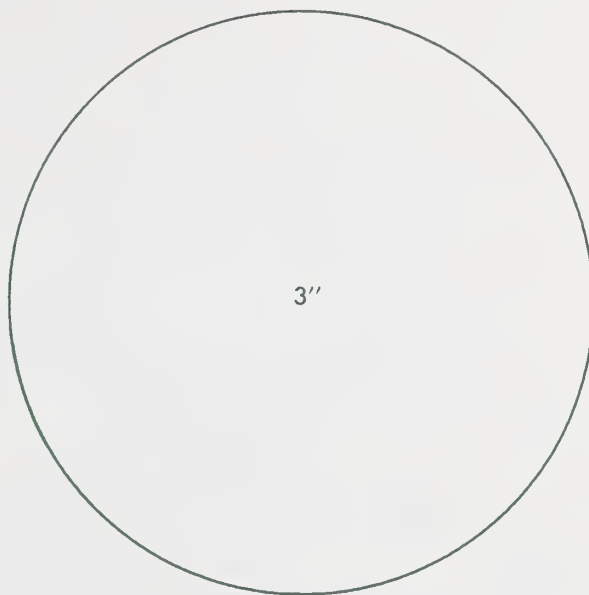
Show the children how to make houses and other things out of the triangles.

Show the children how to put the cut-out triangles on the place that is the same color.





**CIRCLE GAME** Make circle shapes in different colors. Cut them out of heavy colored paper. These will help children match colors, shapes, and sizes.



Use these circles for patterns. Use red, yellow, and blue paper. Cut one 3-inch circle from red, blue, and yellow. Cut one 2-inch circle from red, blue, and yellow. Cut one 1½-inch circle from red, blue, and yellow.

Color the circles on the next page

red, blue, and yellow. Show the children how to put a paper circle on the one here that's the same color and size. Talk about different colors and sizes. Help the child learn about large, small, and medium size. Large and small are easy to learn, but medium size is hard.

